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UNDER 37 CFR §§1.97 AND 1.98

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Applicants respectfully assert that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statement.

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